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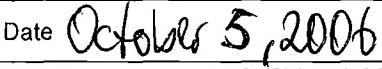
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Leica Microsystems CMS GmbHApplication No./Patent No./Control No.: 6,977,773 Filed/Issue Date: December 20, 2005Entitled: SCANNING MICROSCOPE AND COUPLING-OUT ELEMENT

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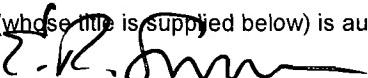
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